

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING STATES AWARD CONTINUING LEGAL  
EDUCATION CREDITS TO ATTORNEYS WHO ATTEND COMMITTEE ON  
SUGGESTED STATE LEGISLATION MEETINGS**

- WHEREAS,** the practice of law in the states begins with legislation;
- WHEREAS,** state lawmakers and attorneys need to be informed about new and complex legislation in the states in order to best serve their constituents or clients;
- WHEREAS,** The Council of State Governments' (CSG) Suggested State Legislation Program has a distinguished 60 year history of highlighting new state legislation that addresses issues which legislators, courts, businesses, and attorneys must understand and apply;
- WHEREAS,** The Council of State Governments' Committee on Suggested State legislation governs the Suggested State Legislation Program;
- WHEREAS,** the Committee on Suggested State Legislation is composed of legislators and staff from all the states, many of whom are attorneys;
- WHEREAS,** public and private sector representatives who attend and speak about legislation at Committee on Suggested State Legislation meetings are also attorneys;
- WHEREAS,** the Committee on Suggested State Legislation meets at least twice each year to review legislation covering more than 26 general public policy areas,
- WHEREAS,** Committee on Suggested State Legislation dockets typically address more than 80 bills impacting civil or criminal law;
- WHEREAS,** the Committee on Suggested State Legislation produces annual volumes of draft laws which are distributed to lawmakers in every state, and to public and private organizations such as university law libraries and corporate law libraries;
- WHEREAS,** the work of The Council of State Governments' Committee on State Legislation enhances the professional expertise of state lawmakers and attorneys across the United States;
- WHEREAS,** Committee on Suggested State Legislation members should be acknowledged for performing duties in the legislative arena beyond those normally required by their home states,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that The Council of State Governments Executive Committee urges all states to grant Continuing Legal Education Credits to attorneys who attend Committee on Suggested State Legislation meetings.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009 at the CSG Spring Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



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Governor Joe Manchin III  
2009 CSG President



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